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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY WARNS DIPLOMATIC CORPS TRAVEL ON MEKONG DANGEROUS

1. NOVEMBER 2 WE RECEIVED COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY CIRCULAR NOTE DATED OCTOBER 28 WARNING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND UN MISSION ABOUT DANGERS OF TRAVEL ON MEKONG RIVER. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. "MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NO. 1013/AE/AC-2.
"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION AT VIENTIANE, AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THEM THAT ANY TRAVEL ON THE MEKONG RIVER, EXCEPT FOR PLACES WHERE THE CROSSING POINT IS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, COULD RISK GIVING RISE TO INCIDEMTNS AT ANY TIME, BECAUSE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS RIVER, ESPECIALLY THAT IN THE PROVINCE AND CITY OF VIENTIANE, CONSTITUTES THE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE LAO
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PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE KINGDOM OF THAI-

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LAND.

"THUS, NO GUARANTEE OF SECURITY CAN BE MADE TO MEMBERS OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OF THE UN MISSION AND TO ALL THE FOREIGN EXPERTS IN REGARD TO THEIR TRIPS OR POSSIBLE OUTINGS IN BOATS ON THE RIVER.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HOPES TO PROFIT BY THE COOPERATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND THE UN MISSION IN THIS MATTER AND TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

"VIENTIANE, OCTOBER 28, 1976."

3. COMMENT: THIS WARNING APPEARED TO COMBINE CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE INCIDENTS ARISING FROM THE PRESENT STATE OF LAO-THAI RELATIONS WITH A LITTLE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

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